TOWN SUPERVISOR

KIM HAMPEL

Address: N9497 Beulah Meadows Road, Mukwonago
Age: 53
Resident of the Town: 10 years, moved from South Milwaukee
Political Experience: none
Occupation: Owner of Independent Title Services, Inc. for 13 years, where I also do Real Estate and Mortgage Loan Closings.
Education: Custer High School, 1974
Community Service/Clubs and Organizations: I am a member of the American Land Title Association (ALTA), which is a work related affiliation. I am a HOG (Harleys Owners Group) and Ladies of Harley (Women Harley Riders) member. My husband Jim and I participate in many motorcycle rides that are for the benefit of various causes. We have participated in the breast cancer ride with the Rock River HOG Chapter, Jake's Ride for the Cure for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International and have volunteered for the Project ADAM/ Jordan Brandt Golf outing, which purchases defibrillators for schools and community programs.
Reason for seeking position: "I have decided to run for the supervisor position for the Town Board because in the 10 years that I have lived here I have experienced the board and the prior town attorneys' hidden agendas. It is time that we start to see some clarity in our town government. It is time to put honesty and integrity back into our lives.

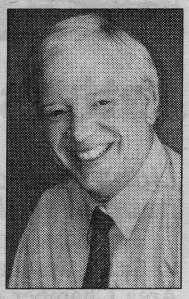
"I feel that it is time that every resident be treated equally. We need to look at all the issues that affect everyone whether it would be taxes or any issue that is important to any resident. We all have passions that we feel are important to us although to someone else it may seem trivial. I have gone to many board meetings and felt that because I have not resided in this town as long as others that I have not been given the same opportunity as others to speak.

"We are all equal. We all pay taxes and have the same rights as anyone else, no matter what anyone's economical background is or the location of their home.

"I have no hidden agenda and am a very straight-forward person. A new perspective should be a welcome addition to our board. We all have the right to understand and examine what actions are being taken supposedly on our behalf. I felt the need to take action at this level of government and get involved. We may not be able to control what is happening in other levels of our government, so we should get involved where we can, and try to make a difference."

CLAYTON MONTEZ

Address: N8720 Wilmer's Point Lane
Age: 56
Resident of the Town: 24 years
Political Experience: Town of East Troy Supervisor, 1993-96 and 2003-10; Town of East Troy chairman, 1996-2003; president, East Troy Emergency Services, 1998-2000; CEO Emergency Government, 1996-2010; chairman, Walworth County Unit of Wisconsin Towns Association, 1999-2010; director, Urban Towns Committee, 2001-10; Smart Growth technical adviser, Walworth County, 2005-2010; Board of Review, 1993-2010; town planning commissioner, 1993-96; chairman, Park Committee, 1993-96; committee, Walworth County Parks, 1995-96; Commissioner, Sanitary District No. 3, 1996-2010



Occupation: University Service Officer, Department of Public Safety, Marquette University, 1984-Present
Education: Master of Arts, public service, 2001, Marquette University; Certificate in Dispute Resolution, 1999, Marquette University; Master of Arts, transpersonal studies, 1987, Atlantic University; Bachelor of Science, psychology/speech communications, 1976, Carroll University
Community Service/Clubs and Organizations: president, Midwest Lure Coursing Club, 2005-2010; director, Wisconsin Rural Partners, 1997-2001; writer, Madison Public Policy Examiner, 2009-10
Reason for seeking position: "Throughout my 18-year tenure on the Town Board, I have devoted many hours of service to our town to help make it a better place to live. Indeed, there is a lot of history to cover as ongoing issues have helped me to understand the government processes and the sophisticated relationships with various levels of government that make our community function efficiently.

"Indeed, as a town we are at the lowest level of government, but by far the most representative form for true democracy. It is for this reason that I continue to be involved as a representative for our citizens at local, county, state and federal levels.

"I believe in open and honest government. It is vital that our local community stays active in grassroots democracy to make our system of government work. We have experienced this past year that when one elected official thinks and acts outside of this system, the rest of us become imprisoned by fear and doubt.

"I am thankful to have excellent mentors with many town officials throughout the state, the legislators that dedicate themselves in arduous debate over our future, and local citizens that share a genuine concern for where we as a community are headed.

"I look forward to continuing through my experience and energy to help our town prosper."

TOWN CHAIRMAN

JOSEPH KLARKOWSKI

Address: N7701 State Road 120, East Troy

Age: 57

Resident of the Town: 21 years

Political Experience: town supervisor (five years), town plan commissioner (12 years), town committees (17 years)

Occupation: Construction Program Manager, Southeast Region of Wisconsin Highways & Bridges, 2010, $120 million

Education: A.A.S., Civil Engineering Technology

Community Service/Clubs and Organizations: n/a

Reason for seeking position: "Being that this is a recall election, and since the town residents have had their fill of words, I will attempt to make this brief. I am running for the office of town chairman because I believe the current chairman has proven himself unqualified and a liability. I have a long record of honest and sensible government.

"The current chairman got into office employing a campaign of "mud-slinging" tactics (and alleged slander) while making inflated and undeliverable promises. The campaign continues, only the victims have changed. Now he has targeted everybody in the town government, with the help of the CRG (Can't Rely on Greensheets aka Citizens for Responsible Government). The current chairman's actions, in communications with our auditing firm, have in their words, made us a high-risk client. On most town issues he is clearly indecisive and only recently has he voted on a consistent basis. Recall elections have a tendency to do that.

"The bottom line is I want to continue serving the Town of East Troy in a significant way. That leadership has been absent for the last 15 months. I will continue to: maintain trust, honor and integrity while serving our community; protect rural values for agriculture and country-style living; represent all town issues fairly and equitably."

JOHN STOESSER

Address: W1777 Lake Road, Mukwonago

Age: 64

Resident of the Town: more than 25 years

Political Experience: elected town chairman in the Town of East Troy, April 7, 2009

Occupation: Retired

Education: University of Wisconsin, studying police science and Milwaukee School of Engineering, studying mechanical design.

Community Service/Clubs and Organizations: n/a

Reason for seeking position: "Over the past 25 years, I've seen unacceptable inequities occur in our town. I watched the treatment of retired veteran Tom Kasun as he was systematically run out of money and eventually had his homestead of 40 years taken away from him. Many relevant town documents about Mr. Kasun are on my blog www.johnstoesser.com.

"I watched the town use its powers to try to take land by eminent domain from 12 families for a footpath. There are other examples but, I only have 400 words.

"With respect to my town activities, history tells the story.

"At the May 2009 Town Board meeting, I presented a plan to instruct our residents on how to reduce their assessments and asked the board for support. Supervisor Klarkowski and Supervisor Montez refused. Ultimately, I held two workshops in the Village of East Troy Hall for our people on May 20 and 23, 2009. I had attorneys, assessors and realtors speak. There are a number of tax saving stories that resulted from these workshops.

"At the June 2009 meeting, I pointed out that our assessments were too high and asked the board that we do a revaluation. Supervisor Klarkowski and Supervisor Montez refused.

"At the July 2009 meeting, I asked all town departments to reduce their budget by 10 percent. Because the departments came through, we were able to bring our Town budget in with 0 percent increase despite losing substantial state revenues.

"At the October 2009 meeting, I made the motion that the revaluation of properties be put on a public referendum so that our voters would decide. Supervisor Klarkowski and Supervisor Montez refused to second the motion, and it died.

"In October 2009 I placed the matter of the "Park Trail" referendum on the Town Board agenda. At the meeting, I made the motion that the referendum be placed on the April 6, 2010 ballot. In April 2010, we, the voters, stopped the eminent domain for the Park Trail with a route of 600 to 156.

"What would I do next? Most significantly, I would ask the board to put the issue of assessments to the town voters as a referendum. I see a substantial inequity between selling value and assessed value in homes in our town.

"I also believe that we can bring the town budget in at 0 percent increase again this year.

"With your support, there's so much more that we can do."